Remarks

Reconsideration of the subject application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The search performed by the examiner in connection with a substantive examination of the claims is appreciated.

The amendments to the specification are to correct readily discernible errors. Also, a correction was made to the paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14 to correct the error noted (with thanks) by the Examiner. No new matter is submitted.

The amendment to FIG. 3 addresses the issue raised on page 2 of the Office action. Hence, withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending. The allowance of claims 1-14 and 16-19 is acknowledged with thanks.

Claim 15 is rewritten in independent form as suggested in the Office action. Hence, withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim 20 is amended as suggested in the Office action. Hence, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is requested.

The claims are now in condition for allowance, and early action to such end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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